

In the Claims

Claims 1-38 [canceled].

1 39. [Currently Amended] A data storage method comprising:
2 storing digital data using a data storage system;
3 communicating a plurality of transactions intermediate a plurality of
4 components of the data storage system;
5 processing the transactions using the components;
6 using the components, effecting operations with respect to storage of
7 digital data responsive to the processing;
8 identifying one of the transactions from one of the components as
9 including a fault; ~~and~~
10 disabling communications of others of the transactions from the one
11 component responsive to the identifying; and
12 wherein the disabling comprises disabling communications comprising a first
13 type of transactions from the one component, and further comprising receiving and
14 processing a second type of transactions from the one component after the
15 identifying and during the disabling of communications comprising the first type of
16 transactions.

1 40. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 39 wherein the
2 storing digital data comprises redundantly storing digital data using a plurality of
3 redundant storage circuits of the data storage system.

1 41. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 39 wherein the
2 disabling comprises disabling respective interfaces of the other components
3 responsive to the identifying.

1 42. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 39 further
2 comprising processing transactions using the other components after the
3 disabling.

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Claims 43-58 [canceled].

1 59. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 39 wherein the storing
2 comprises redundantly storing a single data item of the digital data in a plurality of
3 storage devices.

1 60. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 59 wherein the storing
2 comprises storing the single data item in the storage devices comprising hard disks.

Claims 61-62 [canceled].

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